

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

- Claim 1. (Currently amended) A play-back device comprising:
- a plurality of play-back sources;
 - a first output unit and a second output unit for selecting at least one of the play-back sources to output play-back signals from the at least one of the play-back sources ~~source~~;
 - a first operation unit for operations relating to the first output unit; ~~and~~
 - a second operation unit for operations relating to the second output unit; ~~and~~;
 - ~~wherein the improvement includes~~ a control unit for inhibiting, when a common one of the plurality of play-back sources ~~source~~ is selected by the first output unit and the second output unit and if it is decided that the play-back signals from the common play-back source are in an output-stopped state, the release of the output-stopped state even if the operation to release the output-stopped state is done from the second operation unit.
- Claim 2. (Original) The play-back device according to Claim 1, wherein the control unit includes an output stop setting unit for bringing the play-back signals from the at least one of the play-back sources in response to the operation from the first operation unit.
- Claim 3. (Original) The play-back device according to Claim 1, wherein the control unit includes:
- an interruption detecting unit for detecting an interruption signal; and
 - an output stop setting unit for bringing the play-back signals from the at least one of the play-back sources into the output-stopped state when the interruption signal is detected by the interruption detecting unit.
- Claim 4. (Original) The play-back device according to Claim 3, wherein the interruption detecting unit detects the interruption signal to detect the used state of a telephone.
- Claim 5. (Currently amended) The play-back device according to Claim 1, wherein the second output unit comprises ~~is~~ a headphone.
- Claim 6. (Original) The play-back device according to Claim 1, wherein the first output

unit outputs the play-back signals to the front side of a vehicular compartment, and wherein the second output unit outputs the play-back signals to the rear side of the vehicular compartment.

Claim 7. (Currently amended) A play-back device comprising:

a first operation unit and a second operation unit for operations to control the output states relating to play-back signals from a plurality of play-back sources ~~source~~; and,
~~wherein the improvement includes~~ a control unit for inhibiting, when the first operation unit and the second operation unit select a common one of the plurality of play-back sources and if the control unit determines that ~~when~~ the play-back signals from the selected play-back source is set in an output-stopped state in response to the operation of the first operation unit but even if the operation to release the output-stopped state is done from the second operation unit, the release of the output-stopped state.

Claim 8. (Currently amended) A play-back device comprising:

a first operation unit and a second operation unit for operations to control the output states relating to play-back signals from a play-back source;
~~wherein the improvement includes:~~
an interruption detecting unit for detecting an interruption signal; and
a control unit for inhibiting, when the play-back signals from the play-back source is set in an output-stopped state in response to the detection of the interruption signal by the interruption detecting unit operation of the first operation unit but even if the operation to release the output-stopped state is done from either the first operation unit or the second operation unit, the release of the output-stopped state.

Claim 9. (Currently amended) The play-back device according to Claim 8, further comprising: a priority setting unit for setting a priority for the first operation unit and the second operation unit, wherein the control unit inhibits the release of the output-stopped state even if the operation to release the output-stopped state is done from a ~~the~~ lower priority one of the first operation unit and the second operation unit on the basis of the priority set by the priority setting unit.

Claim 10. (Currently amended) A play-back device comprising:

- a plurality of play-back sources;
- a first output unit and a second output unit for selecting at least one of the play-back sources to output play-back signals from the at least one of the play-back sources;

- a first operation unit for operations relating to the first output unit; and
- a second operation unit for operations relating to the second output unit;

~~wherein the improvement includes:~~

- an interruption detecting unit for detecting an interruption signal;
- an output stop setting unit for bringing play-back signals from the at least one of the play-back sources when the interruption signal is detected by the interruption detecting unit;

and

a control unit for inhibiting, when a common play-back source is selected by the first output unit and the second output unit and if it is decided that the play-back signals from the common play-back source are in an output-stopped state, the acceptance of the operation even if the operation relating to the play-back signals in the output-stopped state is done from the second operation unit.

Claim 11. (Currently amended) A play-back device comprising:

- a plurality of play-back sources;
- a first output unit and a second output unit for selecting at least one of the play-back sources to output play-back signals from the at least one of the play-back sources; and

- a first operation unit and a second operation unit for operations to control the output state relating to the play-back signals from the at least one of the play-back sources;

~~wherein the improvement includes:~~

- an interruption detecting unit for detecting an interruption signal; and
- a control unit for inhibiting, when the interruption signal is detected by the interruption detecting unit, the acceptance of an operation to control the output state relating to the play-back signals from the play-back source selected by the first output unit, even if the operation is done from the second operation unit.

Claim 12. (Original) A play-back device according to Claim 11, wherein the control unit inhibits, when the interruption signal is detected by the interruption detecting unit, the

acceptance of the operation of the second operation unit to control the volume of the play-back signals from the play-back source selected by the first output unit, even if the operation is done from the second operation unit.

Claim 13. (Original) A play-back device according to Claim 11, wherein the interruption detecting unit detects the interruption signal to detected the used state of a telephone.

Claim 14. (Original) A play-back device according to Claim 11, wherein the first output unit outputs the play-back signals to the front side of a vehicular compartment, and wherein the second output unit outputs the play-back signals to the rear side of the vehicular compartment.

Claim 15. (New) The device of claim 1, wherein said output-stopped state comprises a mute state.

Claim 16. (New) The device of claim 1, wherein said output-stopped state comprises a pause state.

Claim 17. (New) The device of claim 1, wherein said control unit accepts a signal from said second output unit to switch between a single mode and a dual mode.

Claim 18. (New) The device of claim 17, wherein said control unit accepts operation signals for a headphone unit from said second output unit when said dual mode is selected.

Claim 19. (New) The device of claim 18, wherein action key signals are accepted for play-back modes from said second output unit when said dual mode is selected.

Claim 20. (New) The device of claim 1, wherein said control unit accepts a signal from said second output unit to switch between play-back modes.